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*Lipton cup
races begin*

'Bored' by Royal



An aerial view of the start of the Lipton Cup deep-sea yacht race off Durban today. Nine yachts, representing Natal, Port Elizabeth and Cape clubs, sailed in the race today, the first of three 12-mile contests. The defenders of the cup, which was first sailed for in South Africa 50 years ago, are the Royal Natal Yacht Club. In the background are the tall buildings of Durban's beachfront.

TINTOMARA SNEAKS IN FOR THRILLING LIPTON CUP FINISH

THERE was a thrilling finish today in the first of the five-race series off Durban for the Lipton Cup—South Africa's premier deep-sea yachting trophy—when the Port Elizabeth yacht, Tintomara, edged past Jimmy Whittle's Sun Rose (Henley Sailing Club, Maritzburg) 50 feet from the finishing line and won by two feet.

Sun Rose led for 95 per cent. of the 12 nautical miles course, only to find herself becalmed a few yards from the line.

As the two yachts, closely pursued by Mariquita, holder of the trophy, entered the last half-mile of the race, the lead changed hands several times.

Tintomara (G. Packer, Zwartkop Yacht Club) passed Sun Rose a quarter of a mile from the finish, but Sun Rose took the lead again.

LUCKY SLANT

Jimmy Whittle told the Daily News after the race: "I thought we were sitting pretty at that stage. It seemed difficult to believe we could lose.

"Then our spinnaker dropped. Somehow Tintomara picked up a few drifting puffs of wind, and we were pipped at the post."

The first four yachts home—Sun Rose, Tintomara, Mariquita

and Inger—early outstripped the other five entries and it soon became apparent that Zwartkops or Henley would win.

The nine contenders were towed out of the harbour this morning for the start of the race in "millpond" conditions.

With an almost dead calm at 10.30, when the race was timed to begin, the sailing committee nominated the square course. The wind, from the north-east, later picked up to about four knots.

S.A.S. East London, a mine-sweeper, carrying a party of race officials, was the main guardship. Rear-Admiral H. H. Biermann, O.B.E., is the honorary judge.

Twenty-four yacht club members and other spectators were in the coastal defence vessel Rijger, while another 30 went out in four private motor launches.

The second race of the series will be sailed on Monday, starting at 10.30 a.m.

Today's result was:
Tintomara (G. Packer, Zwartkop, Port Elizabeth), 1.
Sun Rose (J. Whittle, Henley, Maritzburg), 2.
Mariquita (W. Hancock, Royal Natal, Durban), 3.
Inger (J. Sully, Bluff, Durban), 4.

Lions make great start to N.Z. tour

NAPIER (New Zealand), Saturday.

THE British Lions Rugby Union team, trounced Hawkes Bay by 52 points to 12 in the opening match of their tour of New Zealand here today.

The tourists, who led 30-9 at half-time, played magnificent open rugby, 39 of their points coming from tries.

Irish centre Dave Hewitt, top scorer in the tour of Australia, scored 21 points to bring his tally so far to 62 points.

But the Lions' triumph was marred by an injury to England centre Jeff Butterfield, who went off midway through the second half with an injured foot.—Sapa-Reuter.

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